

Art & Identity





Who Am I?

This is me.

Or is it?

What makes this the
same “me” that I am
now?



What is “identity”?

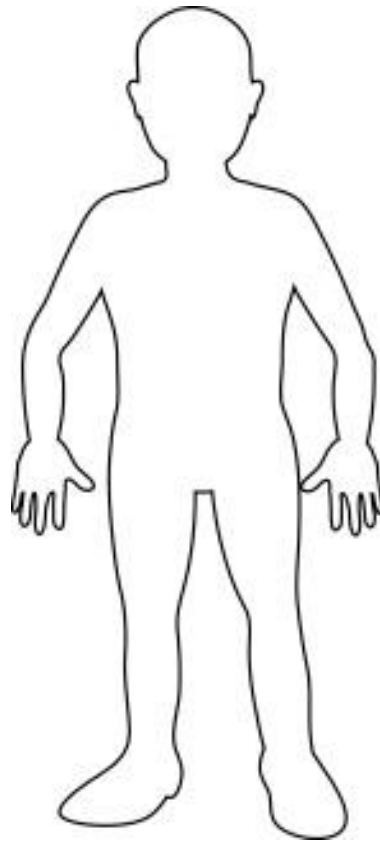
Your identity is...

- your sense of self
- your feeling about who you are
- your sense of being “me”
- The “I” you use when you say things like “I think ...”, “I feel ...”, “I want to ...”

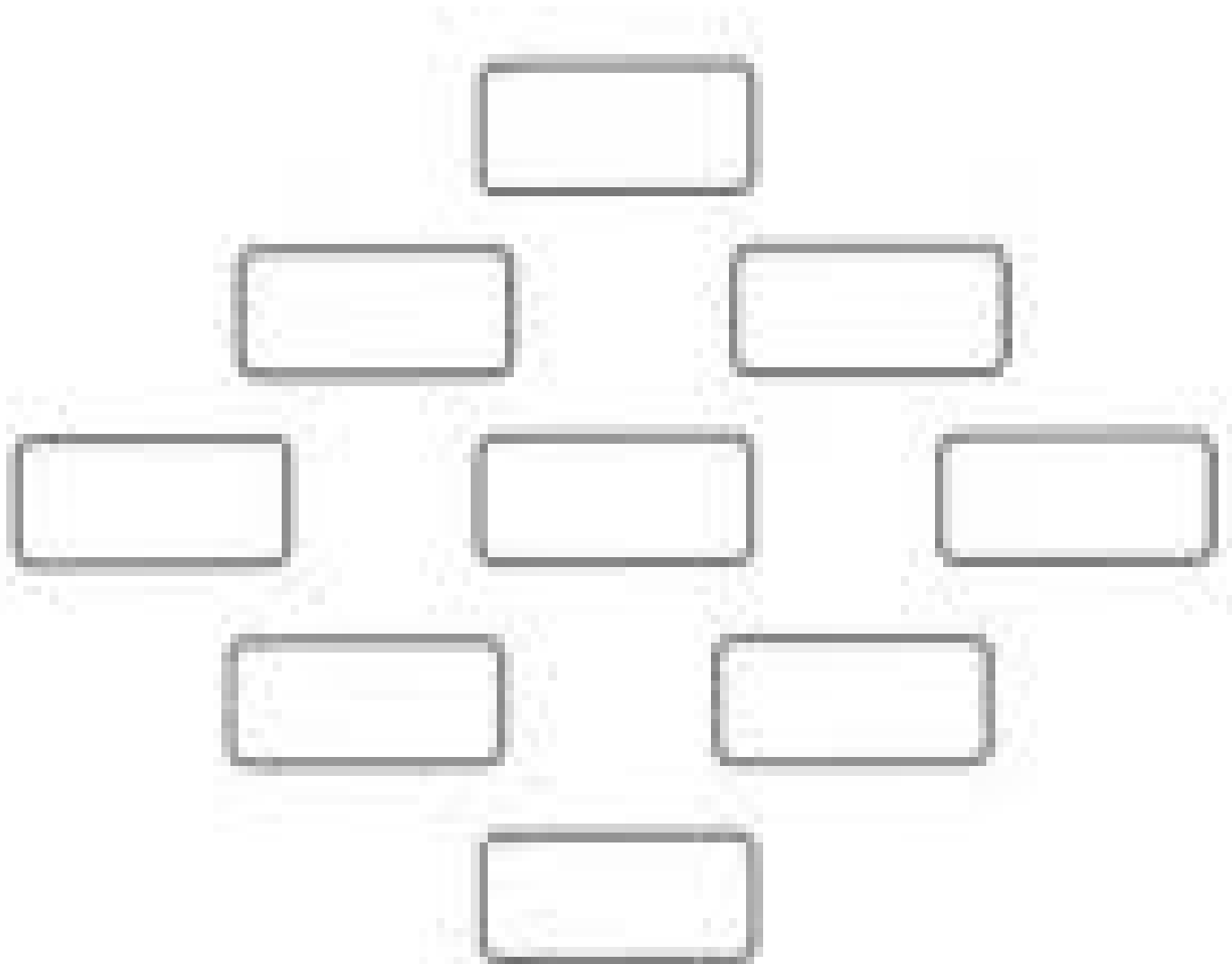
Would your identity be the same if...?

- . You started wearing totally different clothes?
- . You lost all your possessions?
- . You changed or forgot your name?
- . You spoke a new language and forgot your first language?
- . You got an organ transplant or lost a limb?
- . You forgot all your memories of your life?

What kinds of things define someone's personal identity?



9 most important factors



Social Role-Play - Rules

Do not look at your card.

- Do not tell anyone else their card value.
- The aim:
- You **must** try to pair up with someone who has a card of a higher value than yours.
- You may speak to others to try to convince them to pair up with you.
- When you are paired up – sit down together.

Social Role-Play - Reflection

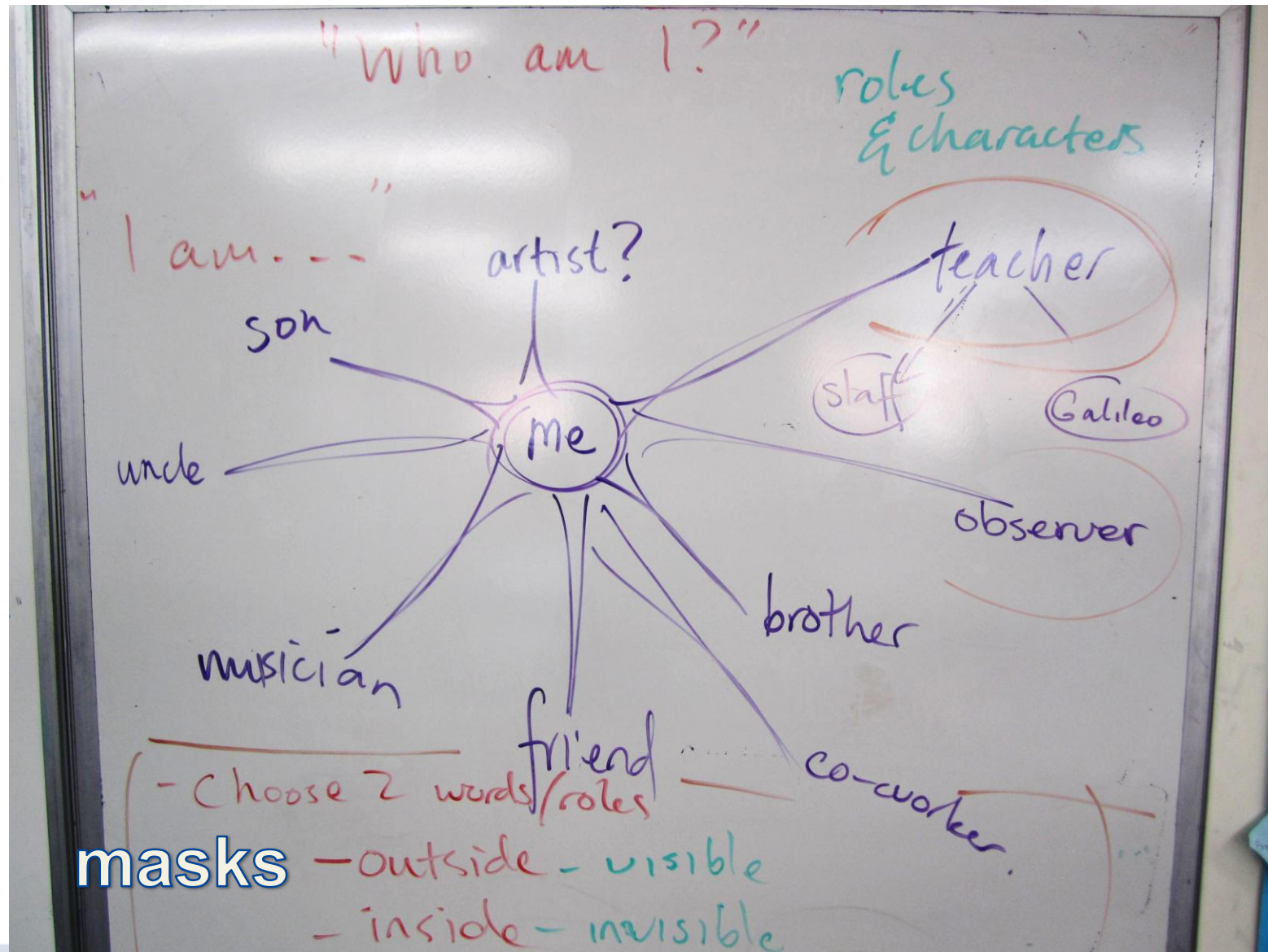
- Predict the value of your card, but **do not look at your card**.
- With your partner discuss:
 - How you predicted your card's value.
 - Were you close? Why? Why not?
 - How did you feel during the mixing session? Why?

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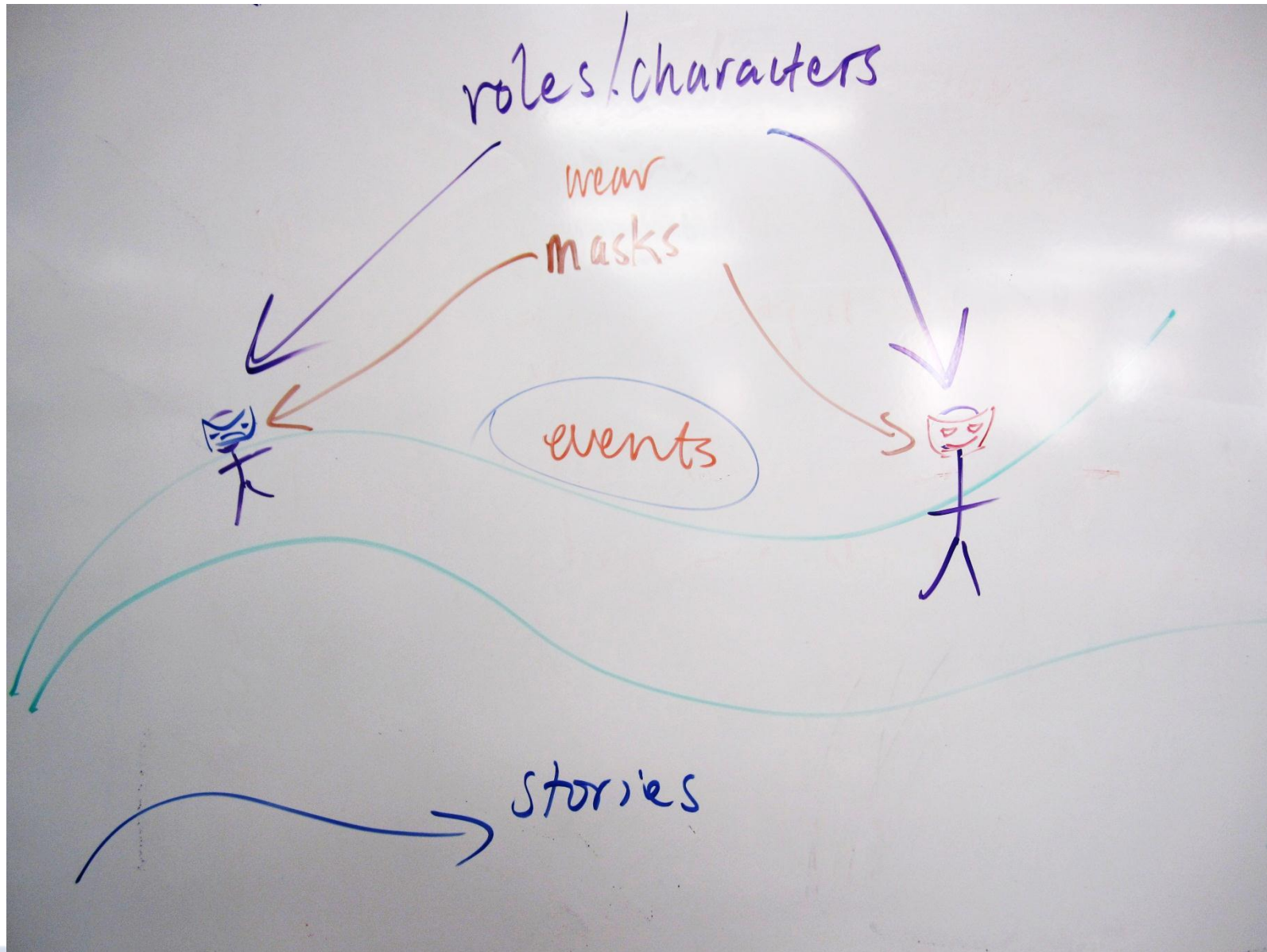
In fours discuss:

- What does this game tell you? Why did we do this activity?
- What kind of role did you play? What kind of person did you represent?
- What does this tell you about identity?
- How do others around us affect how we think about ourselves? Should this be so?
- How much control do we have over our identity?

Multiple Identities: What roles and characters do I play in my life?



Multiple Identities: The masks we wear





Gordon Bennett Self portrait (But I always wanted to be one of the good guys) 1990

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- How does Gordon Bennet **represent** his identity?
- How does Bennet depict his **multiple** identities?
- What are the **relationships** between these identities? (harmony, tension, conflict?)